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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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EXAMINER: PAGE, THURMAN K.

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MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 – RCE AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above identified case in response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2004 and having a period for response set to expire on October 14, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).